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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

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For: Side Impact Beam

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[ ] Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

## Enclosed are:

- [ ] Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- [X] Specification with 12 pages, 8 claims and 2 sheets of drawing.
- [ ] Declaration with [ ] Power of attorney.
- [ ] Assignment.
- [ ] Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
- [ ] Check in the amount of \$ .00 for covering the filing fee of \$ .00 and the official fee of \$ .00 for recording the Assignment.
- [X] Self-addressed postcard.
- [ ] A priority document.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of November 25, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 102 56 137.0, filed November 29, 2002.

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